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**Port Security Information Bulletin**  
**PSIB 11-04**

**Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Committee**  
**SECURE LIBERTY Tabletop Exercise**  
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The purpose of this PSIB is to remind port stakeholders that the Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Committee will be hosting the SECURE LIBERTY Tabletop Exercise (TTX) on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM. The exercise is designed to test the activation of the Port Coordination Team and the flow of communications from MTSA regulated facilities to the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator. Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 3 compliance information must be communicated from industry to the Port Command Centers (PCC) in Houston, Galveston, Texas City, Freeport, and Offshore so that it can be evaluated by the FMSC within the Unified Command prior to lifting port restrictions. In addition, there will be an exercise Lessons Learned meeting on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Western Gulf Maritime Association Building (Second Floor Conference Room), 1717 Turning Basin Drive, Houston TX. The meeting will start promptly at 9 AM.

As stated in PSIB 08-04, the exercise will begin with notification, via the AMSC Communications System, of an increase from MARSEC Level 1 to MARSEC Level 3. To ensure the success of this exercise, it is mandatory that all MTSA-regulated facilities in the Houston-Galveston Captain of the Port Zone participate by notifying the U.S. Coast Guard of MARSEC Level 3 attainment via the Port Command Centers either through simulating the steps taken to attain MARSEC Level 3 or actually holding facility security drills or exercises. Using either option, the FMSC directs all Facility Security Officers (FSO) to, at a minimum, participate in the communications portion of our TTX and report attainment. To obtain the list containing the various Port Command Centers point of contact names and numbers, a facility/vessel exercise evaluation form, PAUSE checklist, and PSIB 08-04, you may visit the Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Committee website at <http://www.amsc-hougal.com/> and click on the flashing button labeled "SECURE LIBERTY EXERCISE."

If you have any questions regarding the TTX SECURE LIBERTY, please do not hesitate to contact Lieutenant Leon McClain, Jr. at (713) 671-5120 or Marine Science Technician Third Class Shawna Poor at (713) 671-5133. They may also be reached via e-mail at [LMcClain@msohouston.uscg.mil](mailto:LMcClain@msohouston.uscg.mil) or [SPoor@msohouston.uscg.mil](mailto:SPoor@msohouston.uscg.mil). To learn more about the local Area Maritime Security Committee and other area maritime security initiatives, you may obtain a copy of the AMSP by contacting Mrs. Tobi Moore at (713) 671-5118 or via e-mail at [TMoore@msohouston.uscg.mil](mailto:TMoore@msohouston.uscg.mil).

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